

**Belvedere:**  
*Jerry Butler*

June 8, 2005

**Corte Madera:**  
*Melissa Gill*

**TO:** Executive Committee

**Fairfax:**  
*Lew Tremaine*

**RE:** Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Process and Regional  
Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Policy - Agenda Item 7

**Larkspur:**  
*Joan Lundstrom*

Dear Commissioners:

**Mill Valley:**  
*Dick Swanson*

This staff report was reviewed at the May 26, 2005 near the end of the meeting. The Commission requested it be carried over to the Executive Committee meeting for an opportunity for additional input. In order to conserve paper, the 56 page CMP document is not attached. Staff requests that Committee members bring the copy in the May 26, 2005 packet. Additional copies can also be provided by requesting from staff.

**Novato:**  
*Pat Eklund*

**Ross:**  
*Jeanne Barr*

### **Background**

**San Anselmo:**  
*Peter Breen*

Since the acceptance of the 2003 Congestion Management Plan (CMP) in January 2004, the Board has expressed an interest in reviewing the CMP process, the strengths and weaknesses of the 2003 CMP and exploring new items and approaches for future CMPs. With this in mind, staff is working with consultants to complete the 2005 CMP Update, has reviewed the CMP/Transportation Plans of other Counties to determine if these documents offer any suggested directions for Marin County, collected feedback from the Commission regarding applications of the Travel Model (January 27, 2005), and held and summarized an April 2004 Community Forum on transportation issues (May 6, 2004). This work will inform a discussion with the TAM Board regarding strengths and weaknesses of the 2003 CMP, which is attached for reference.

**San Rafael:**  
*Al Boro*

**Sausalito:**  
*Amy Belser*

**Tiburon:**  
*Alice Fredericks*

**County of Marin:**  
*Susan Adams*  
*Hal Brown*  
*Steve Kinsey*  
*Charles McGlashan*  
*Cynthia Murray*

### **CMP Update Process**

The final 2005 CMP is due to MTC in October 2005. Due to schedule time constraints, the intent of the 2005 CMP Update is to update the 2003 CMP document using 2005 traffic survey data, new land use projections, and new travel model demand analyses. To the extent possible, the 2005 CMP update will attempt to strengthen the multimodal, public input and other features of the 2003 CMP, but it is expected that the CMP schedule completion requirements will limit these objectives. Efforts, however, will include definitions of ways to improve the framework and process for subsequent development of the 2007 CMP.

Key milestone dates in the update process are as follows:

### **May 26, 2005**

TAM Board review of the strengths and weaknesses of the 2003 CMP and review of RTIP policy.

**June 23, 2005**

TAM Board review of draft 2005 CIP project list.

**July 28, 2005**

Noticed TAM public hearing on Draft CMP. Approval of 2006 RTIP project listings

**July 31, 2005**

Draft CMP submitted to MTC.

**September 16, 2005**

Proposed RTIP project listings submitted to MTC.

**September 22, 2005**

TAM Board review and approval of Final Draft 2005 CMP.

**October 5, 2005**

Final 2005 CMP due to MTC.

**January 2006**

Formulation of enhanced framework for 2007 CMP and timeline to TAM.

**RTIP Policy**

Traditionally, the STIP has provided Marin County with approximately \$4-7 million a year in funding. As outlined in Section 7.5 ("Process and Criteria for Project Priority Ranking") of the 2003 CMP, the available balance for Marin County in the 2002 STIP was to be distributed based on the following percentages:

- City/County maintained roads – 60 percent
- Local transit projects – 10 percent
- Countywide US 101 corridor projects – 25 percent
- Bicycle and pedestrian - 5 percent

Due to changes in the California Transportation Commission (CTC)'s allocation policy resulting from the State fiscal crisis, this formula is no longer consistent with CTC policy. In February 2003, the CTC published a "STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan Priority Criteria" that gave priority to projects according to project type. First priority is given to capacity increasing projects. Given the limited amount of funding forecasted for the 2006 STIP, this suggests that non-capacity increasing projects will have little chance of receiving allocations.

In addition, with the passage of Measure A, a funding source is available for local roads, transit projects, and school related pedestrian projects. While the funding provided only partially addresses the need, there is some funding available that was not available in prior CMP updates.

### **Staff Recommendation**

1. Provide guidance regarding strengths and weaknesses in the 2003 CMP that can be addressed in the 2005 or 2007 Updates.
2. Review the existing TAM STIP policy and the allocation criteria used by the CTC the last time they had funds to program, and consider the following as guidance for the 2006 STIP:
  - A. Continue to advocate to the CTC that there should be flexibility in the types of projects eligible for STIP funding in the CTC programming guidelines and that project selection occur at the local level
  - B. Recognizing there is a fiscal crisis in the STIP, insure that STIP funds provided to Marin County can and will be allocated by the CTC by directing staff to develop a draft 2006 RTIP that focuses funds on Highway 101 corridor and interchange capacity increasing projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director

Enclosure: Not attached. 2003 CMP was provided in the May 26, 2005 TAM packet.